

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A stay ~~including comprising~~ a first arm [[(1)]], a second arm [[(2)]] whose basal end part is turnably connected to a leading end part of said first arm [[(1)]] between a development position and a folded position, and a lock means [[(4)]] disposed between said first arm [[(1)]] and said second arm [[(2)]], said lock means [[(4)]] being switched between a locked state where said second arm [[(2)]] can non-turnably be locked in said development position and a released state where said second arm [[(2)]] is allowed to turn from said development position toward said folded position, wherein:  
said stay further includes a retaining means [[(5)]] for retaining said lock means [[(4)]] in said released state when said second arm [[(2)]] is located in said development position.
2. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 1, wherein said lock means [[(4)]] includes a lock member [[(41)]] movably disposed at said second arm [[(2)]] within a predetermined movable range and a lock biasing means [[(45)]] for biasing said lock member, when said lock member [[(41)]] is moved to a predetermined locked position within said movable range with said second arm [[(2)]] located in said development position, said lock member [[(41)]] is engaged with said first arm [[(1)]] to prohibit said second arm [[(2)]] from turning from said development position toward said folded position and when said lock member [[(41)]] is moved away from said locked position by a predetermined releasing distance or more with said second arm [[(2)]] located in said development position, said lock member [[(41)]] is disengaged from said first arm [[(1)]] to allow said second arm [[(2)]] to turn from said development position toward said folded position, said lock biasing means [[(45)]] biasing said lock member [[(41)]] toward said locked position, so that the engaging state of said lock member [[(41)]] with said first arm [[(1)]] can be maintained.
3. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 2, wherein said retaining means [[(5)]] is a movement prohibiting means [[(5)]] disposed between selected one of said first and second arms [[(1)]], [[(2)]] and said lock member [[(41)]] and adapted to prohibit said lock member

[[(41)]] from moving toward said locked position beyond a predetermined release retaining position which is away by more than said releasing distance from said locked position.

4. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 3, wherein said movement prohibiting means [[(5)]] is disposed between said first arm [[(1)]] and said lock member [[(41)]], said movement prohibiting means [[(5)]] includes a displacement member [[(52)]] disposed at said lock member [[(41)]] such that said displacement member [[(52)]] can displace between a first position and a second position, a displacement biasing means [[(53)]] for biasing said displacement member [[(52)]] from said first position toward said second position, a first abutment part [[(47)]] disposed at said first arm [[(1)]], said first abutment part [[(47)]] being abutted with said displacement member [[(52)]] so that said displacement member [[(52)]] is brought into said first position when said second arm [[(2)]] is located at said development position and said lock member [[(41)]] is located at said locked position and allowing said displacement member [[(52)]] to move to said second position when said lock member [[(41)]] is moved beyond said release retaining position, a second abutment part [[(43)]] disposed at said lock member [[(41)]] and abutted with said displacement member [[(52)]] so that said displacement member [[(52)]] is brought into said second position against the biasing force of said displacement biasing means [[(53)]]], and a third abutment part [[(48)]] disposed at said first arm [[(1)]] and abutted with said displacement member [[(52)]] which is located at said second position, thereby preventing said lock member [[(41)]] from moving from said release retaining position toward said locked position.
5. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 4, wherein said first arm [[(1)]] is provided with an engagement recess [[(46)]] formed therein and partly open, and said first arm [[(1)]] is provided with an engagement part [[(43)]] formed thereon, said engagement part [[(43)]] being brought into engagement with said engagement recess [[(46)]] through an opening part of said engagement recess [[(46)]] thereby prohibiting said second arm [[(2)]] from turning toward said folded position from said development position when said second arm [[(2)]] is located at said development position and said lock member [[(41)]] is moved from said release retaining position to said locked position.
6. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 5, wherein said first abutment part [[(47)]] is formed as an inclination surface [[(47)]] which is inclined in such a manner as to approach

the opening part of said engagement recess [[(46)]] from said locked position toward said release retaining position, and said third abutment part [[(48)]] is formed as a leading end part of said inclination surface [[(47)]] which is intersected with an end part on the opening side of one side surface [[(46b)]] of said engagement recess [[(46)]].

7. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 6, wherein said displacement member [[(52)]] is turnably disposed at said lock member [[(41)]], said engagement part [[(43)]] is also used as said second abutment part, said displacement member [[(52)]] is abutted with a rear end part, which is away from said engagement recess [[(46)]], of said inclination surface [[(47)]], thereby causing said displacement member [[(52)]] to be located at said first position when said second arm [[(2)]] is located at said development position and said lock member [[(41)]] is located at said locked position, said displacement member [[(52)]] is slid on said inclination surface [[(47)]] and turned toward said second position as said lock member [[(41)]] is moved from said lock position toward said released position, and said displacement member [[(52)]] is moved beyond said inclination surface [[(47)]] and abutted with said engagement part [[(43)]] thereby being located at said second position when said lock member [[(41)]] reaches said release retaining position.
8. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 7, wherein when said second arm [[(2)]] is turned from said folded position toward said development position with said lock member [[(41)]] located in a moving limit position toward said first arm [[(1)]] within said predetermined movable range, said engagement part [[(43)]] is brought into abutment with said inclination surface [[(47)]]], thereby said lock member [[(41)]] is moved toward said release retaining position in accordance with turning movement of said second arm [[(2)]] against the biasing force of said lock biasing means [[(45)]], and when said second arm [[(2)]] reaches said development position, said lock member [[(41)]] is moved to said locked position by said lock biasing means [[(45)]], thereby said engagement part [[(43)]] is inserted into said engagement recess [[(46)]] through said opening part of said engagement recess [[(46)]].
9. (Currently Amended) A stay according to claim 8, wherein when said lock member [[(41)]] is moved to said locked position by said lock biasing means [[(45)]], said displacement

member [[(52)]] is moved by said inclination surface [[(47)]] from said second position to said first position against the biasing force of said displacement biasing means [[(53)]].